

TRANSCRIPT  
OF  
RECORD OF  
CAPT. A. G. FORSE  
1st. U. S. CAV. at the  
BATTLE OF CLEARWATER

Capt. Forse was at the time of the battle of CLEARWATER, First Lt. of "E" Troop, 1st. Cav. Capt. Wm. H. Winters Comd'g. said troop was sent with a howitzer to a prominent point from which it was thought the Indians in the river bottom could be shelled. Shortly after starting, Capt. Winters left the troop; went to Maj. Mason, now Col., and requested him to have some support sent, which was done. Capt. Geo. H. Burton's Co. of the 21st. Inf. being sent. Before reaching the point designated, a citizen rode up to him and asked if there were soldiers in the canon ahead. He said "no". Then the citizen said it is filled with Indians. Capt. Forse halted the troop, preparatory to dismounting and deploying, when Capt. Winters returned and finished what he began: Capt. Burton joining on our left.

It was then the fight commenced. From that time until the final charge of the 2nd. day, he did not leave the skirmish line, except a few moments the first night when I went for some crackers and ammunition. He was in every charge, including the final charge, and went over the bluffs with the right of the troop attached to the

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CAPT. J. C. BURTON

1861. A. D. 1861. at the

BATTLE OF CHEROKEE

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first Lt. of the 1st Troop, 1st Cav. Regt. U. S. Army, 1861.

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the troop, prepared to dismount and fighting, when Capt. Burton

ordered and finished what he began. Capt. Burton landed on the

15th from the light canon. From Capt. Burton's point the

charge of the Indians, they did not leave the position, and

the Indians the first night when I sent for some cavalry and

infantry. He was in very bad luck, including the

and was the only man of the troop who was

left of Capt. Miles' battalion. In the third charge of the first day the right of the troops went half way down into the head of the canon from whence most of the enfilading fire came, doing such damage to our centre and left. Having the right, he could see from whence the fire came and in a short time had it silenced and his men in possession. The Indians then went to the farther canon.

Upon Capt. Forse's return to the battle field after the final charge, he found the troops had been detailed to escort the wounded to Grangerville; Surgeon G. M. Sternberg, M. Department, attending.

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cannon from whence most of the shells were fired, and they  
came to our centre and left. Having the right, he could see from  
whence the fire came and in a short time had it silenced and his  
men in position. The Indians then went to the other cannon.  
Upon Capt. Ross's return to the battle field after the first  
charge, he found the troops had been detailed to escort the wounded  
to the hospital; Captain C. H. Johnston, 1st Department, attending.